

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
VS.	§	MAGISTRATE ACTION NO. H-12-610-1
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ALEX ORIA	§	

**ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL**

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 USC § 3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts are established by a preponderance of the evidence or clear and convincing evidence and require the detention of the above-named defendant pending trial in this case:

Findings of Fact

- [ ] A. Findings of Fact [18 USC § 3142(e), § 3142(f)(1)].
- [ ] (1) The defendant has been convicted of a (federal offense) (state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if a circumstance giving rise to federal jurisdiction had existed) that is
- [ ] a crime of violence as defined in 18 USC § 3156(a)(4).
- [ ] an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death.
- [ ] an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 USC ( ) § 801 et seq. ( ) § 951 et seq. ( ) § 955(a).
- [ ] a felony that was committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 USC § 3142(f)(1) (A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.
- [ ] (2) The offense described in finding 1 was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.
- [ ] (3) A period of not more than five years has elapsed since the (date of conviction) (release of the defendant from imprisonment) for the offense described in finding 1.

- ☐ (4) Findings Nos. 1, 2, and 3 establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any other person and the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.
- ☐ B. Findings of Fact [18 USC § 3142(e)]
  - ☐ (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
    - ☐ for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 USC ( ) § 801 et seq. ( ) § 951 et seq. ( ) § 955(a). ( ) § 841 (a)(1)
    - ☐ under 18 USC § 924(c).
  - ☐ (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding number (1) that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of any other person and the community.
- ☒ C. Findings of Fact [18 USC § 3142(f)(2)]
  - ☐ (1)
  - ☒ (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will flee.
  - ☐ (3)
  - ☐ (4) There is a serious risk that the defendant will (obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice) (threaten, injure, or intimidate a prospective witness or juror, or attempt to do so).
- ☒ D. Findings of Fact [18 USC § 3142(c)]
  - ☐ (1) As a condition of release of the defendant, bond was set as follows:
  - ☐ (2)
  - ☒ (3) I find that there is no condition or combination of conditions set forth in 18 USC § 3142(c) which will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required.
  - ☐ (4)

- [X] (5) I find that there is no condition or combination of conditions set forth in 18 USC § 3142(c) which will reasonably assure the safety of any other person or the community.

Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

I find that the accusations in the criminal indictment, information in the Pretrial Services Agency report, and the credible testimony and information submitted at the detention hearing establish by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant or the safety of the community if the defendant is released pending trial.

I conclude that the following factors are present under 21 USC § 3142 (g) and are to be taken into account:

1. Pretrial Services revised their recommendation in this matter and now recommends detention due to Defendant's outstanding warrants in Florida.
2. The credible testimony and evidence at the hearing established probable cause that Defendant was a major participant in a large scale conspiracy to defraud the government and unlawfully sell prescription drugs to unknowing victims.
3. Defendant was arrested on July 23, 2010 for a five-count indictment that included charges for organized fraud, trafficking in contraband and prescription drugs, and money laundering. He is currently on bond for those charges. He allegedly committed the offenses in this case while on bond for those charges.
4. Given these facts, and given the Defendant's failure to follow past court conditions on his bond in Florida, his multiple trips to foreign jurisdictions, his prior conviction for evading arrest, and the length of the prison sentence that Defendant could receive in this case should he be found guilty of the charged offenses, the Court is not convinced that Defendant would comply with any conditions imposed upon him in this case.
5. While Defendant does have family members who are willing to vouch for him and to attempt to ensure that he appears and refrains from prohibited activities, the Court is not convinced that these family members would exert an adequate amount of control over Defendant to ensure his compliance.

Directions Regarding Detention

It is therefore ORDERED that the defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with all court proceedings.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

  
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GEORGE C. HANKS, JR.  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE